

Title of meeting:	Governance & Audit & Standards Committee and Full Council
Date of meeting:	Governance & Audit & Standards Committee - 26 June 2015 Full Council - 7 July 2015
Subject:	Revision to Planning Code
Report by:	City Solicitor
Wards affected	N/A
Key decision	No
Full Council decision	Yes

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to approve the revised Planning Code so that it may be incorporated into the Council's constitution.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Planning Code is approved and incorporated into the Constitution.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Planning Code, contained in part 4 of the Constitution, sets out the standards of conduct the City Council requires of all members and officers of the Council in dealing with planning matters, including applications, policy development, and enforcement.
- 3.2 Following the changes brought about by the Localism Act 2011, the Council adopted a new code in 2012 and this was further revised in the May 2015 Council meeting. The attached Planning Code reflects the updating which has taken place in the most recent version of the Code of Conduct presented to Council. It is otherwise unchanged.

4 Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to approve the revised Planning Code so that it reflects the approved Code of Conduct adopted by the Council in May 2015 so that it may be incorporated into the Council's constitution.

5 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 5.1 The content of this report does not have any relevant equalities impact and therefore an equalities assessment is not required.

6 Legal implications

6.1 The adoption of the new proposed Planning Code will ensure that the Planning Code reflects the Code approved by Council in May 2015 and will avoid the inconsistencies arising in its application.

7 Finance comments

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

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Signed by: City Solicitor

Appendices: Appendix A - revised Planning Code

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
None	N/A

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved / approved as amended / deferred / rejected by on.....

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